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Honorable Tony P. Hall Member, House of Representatives 501 Federal Building 200 West Second Street Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Congressman Hall:

This is in reply to your letter of April 30, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, David P. Evans, regarding the Notice-of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, /57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the Arequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993.

We are sensitive to the needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect to issue final rules in 1994.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Levin Chief, Policy & Planning Branch

Enclosures

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April 30, 1993

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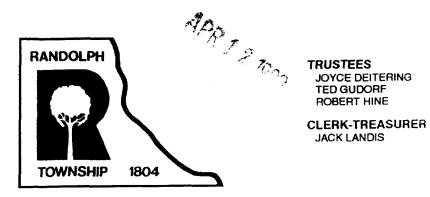
I am enclosing a letter from a local policea and fire department expressing their concerns about a proposed rule change concerning the spacing between existing radio channels. It appears this would cause small communities to encounter a substantial amount of expense.

I would appreciate receiving information as to the status of

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April 7, 1993

The Honorable Tony P. Hall United States Representative 200 West Second Street, Suite 501 Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Representative Hall:

I am writing as a provider of public safety services, specifically fire protection, emergency medical service and law enforcement about a proposed rule change by the Federal Communications Commission.

It is my understanding that the FCC, by way of "FCC Private Radio Docket 92-235" also known as "FCC Rules Part 88" are planning to reduce the spacing between existing radio channels. While the title says "private", the frequency ranges noted include those used by many public service agencies. The purpose is to provide additional frequencies for radio users, but the impact is to make obsolete for all practical purposes, the billions of dollars worth of communications equipment now in use. It would not be economical, to modify existing two way radios and possibly even paging and monitor radios now in use by many fire, ems and police agencies in the United States. It is conservatively estimated that to change to new compatible radios, it might cost as much as 3 times the cost of our current equipment. When I think of 80 radios in our jurisdiction alone that now cost from \$700 to \$1200 each and triple that cost I see a staggering bill coming of \$168,000 to \$288,000 to change radio